

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method, comprising:
 - 2 (a) providing a web client computer connected to a network;
 - 3 (b) providing the web client computer access to a plurality of
 - 4 electronic images;
 - 5 (c) receiving, at the web client computer, web content from a
 - 6 remote web server connected to the network; and
 - 7 wherein the web content enables the web client computer, in
 - 8 response to user input, to select images from the plurality of images and to
 - 9 create a composite image from the selected images.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the web content enables the
- 2 web client computer to display a first graphical user interface for enabling a
- 3 user of the client computer to provide the user input.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - 2 (d) receiving the user input at the client computer;
 - 3 (f) responding to the user input at the client computer by creating
 - 4 the composite image.
- 1 4. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - 2 (d) receiving, at the web client computer, second web content
 - 3 from a second remote server connected to the network; and
 - 4 wherein the second web content enables the web client computer, in
 - 5 response to second user input, to convert the composite image into a print
 - 6 job and to then transmit the print job to a particular printer connected to the
 - 7 network.
- 1 5. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - 2 (d) receiving, at the web client computer, second web content
 - 3 from a second remote server connected to the network; and

4 wherein the second web content enables the web client computer to
5 process the composite image.

1 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the second web content
2 enables the web client to display a second graphical user interface for
3 enabling the user to provide the second user input.

1 7. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
2 (e) receiving the second user input at the web client computer;
3 (f) responding the second user input at the client computer by
4 converting the composite image into a print job and then transmitting the
5 print job to the printer over the network.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the first graphical user
2 interface and the second graphical user interface each includes at least one
3 web page.

1 9. A computing system, comprising:
2 (a) a web client computer having access to a plurality of electronic
3 images; and

4 (b) a first web server computer connected to the web client
5 computer over a network; and

6 wherein the first web server computer with the capability to provide
7 first web content to the web client computer; and

8 wherein the first web content enables the web client computer to, in
9 response to first user input, create a composite image that includes images
10 selected from the plurality of electronic images.

1 10. The computing system of claim 9, wherein the first web
2 content enables the web client computer to display a graphical user interface
3 for enabling a user of the web client computer to provide the first user input.

1 11. The computing system of claim 9, further comprising:

2 (c) a second web server computer connected to the network; and

3 wherein the second web server computer having the capability to
4 provide second web content to the web client computer; and
5 wherein the second web content enables the web client computer, in
6 response to second user input, to convert the composite image into a print
7 job and to transmit the print job to a particular printer.

1 12. The computer system of claim 9, wherein the first web content
2 enables the web client to display at least one web page that provides a
3 graphical user interface for enabling a user of the web client computer to
4 provide the first user input in order to create the composite image.

1 13. The computer system of claim 9, wherein the network is the
2 public Internet.

1 14. The computer system of claim 9, wherein the first web server
2 provides the first web content to the web client computer by transmitting the
3 first web content to the web client computer over the network using an http
4 protocol.

1 15. A Web server computer, comprising:

2 (a) an interface for receiving a request from a web client over a
3 network; and

4 (b) a mechanism for responding to the request by transmitting web
5 content, over the network, to the web client; and

6 wherein the web client computer has access to a plurality of electronic
7 images;

8 wherein the web content enables the web client to, in response to
9 first user input, select images from the plurality of electronic images; and

10 wherein the web content enables the web client computer to, in
11 response to second user input, create a composite image from the selected
12 images.

1 16. The web server computer of claim 15, wherein the web content
2 causes the web client computer to display a user interface that enables a

3 user of the web client computer to provide the first and the second user
4 input.

1 17. The Web server computer of claim 15, wherein the request is
2 addressed to a URL assigned to the web content.

1 18. A computing device, comprising:

2 (a) means for receiving a request from a web client computer over
3 a network, the request address to a pre-determined URL; and

4 (b) means for responding to the request by transmitting a program
5 of instructions to the web client computer; and

6 wherein the program of instructions enables the web client computer
7 to select electronic images and to create a composite image from the
8 selected images.

1 19. The computing device of claim 18, wherein the program of
2 instructions is web content.

1 20. The computing device of claim 18, wherein the network is the
2 Public Internet.

1 21. A computer readable medium embodying Web content for
2 causing a Web client computer to perform method steps, the method steps
3 comprising:

4 (a) receiving first input from a user that identifies a plurality of
5 electronic images;

6 (b) receiving second input from the user that defines an arrangement
7 of the electronic images;

8 (c) creating a composite image based upon the first and second input;
9 and

10 (d) displaying at least one web page that includes a graphical user
11 interface for enabling the user to provide the first and the second user input.

1 22. The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the at least
2 one web page includes a plurality of thumbnail images each corresponding to
3 a unique one of the plurality of electronic images.

1 23. The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the
2 method steps further comprising:

3 (e) configuring the Web client computer so that when the client
4 computer is running second Web content and a particular user is logged into
5 the client computer, the second Web content can access the composite
6 image by issuing a pre-determined application program interface (API) call.

1 24. The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the API call
2 is device independent.